

**Table 49. Selected Operator Characteristics for Principal, Second, and Third Operator: 2007**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

| Characteristics                             | All operators <sup>1</sup> | Principal operator | Second operator | Third operator |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Operators ..... number                      | 133,996                    | 92,856             | 35,307          | 5,833          |
| Sex of operator:                            |                            |                    |                 |                |
| Male .....                                  | 101,072                    | 84,404             | 12,985          | 3,683          |
| Female .....                                | 32,924                     | 8,452              | 22,322          | 2,150          |
| Primary occupation:                         |                            |                    |                 |                |
| Farming .....                               | 66,036                     | 48,637             | 14,537          | 2,862          |
| Other .....                                 | 67,960                     | 44,219             | 20,770          | 2,971          |
| Place of residence:                         |                            |                    |                 |                |
| On farm operated .....                      | 93,252                     | 65,736             | 24,824          | 2,692          |
| Not on farm operated .....                  | 40,744                     | 27,120             | 10,483          | 3,141          |
| Days worked off farm:                       |                            |                    |                 |                |
| None .....                                  | 49,216                     | 35,689             | 11,322          | 2,205          |
| Any .....                                   | 84,780                     | 57,167             | 23,985          | 3,628          |
| 1 to 49 days .....                          | 14,398                     | 9,827              | 3,911           | 660            |
| 50 to 99 days .....                         | 6,357                      | 4,306              | 1,748           | 303            |
| 100 to 199 days .....                       | 10,874                     | 7,065              | 3,367           | 442            |
| 200 days or more .....                      | 53,151                     | 35,969             | 14,959          | 2,223          |
| Years on present farm:                      |                            |                    |                 |                |
| 2 years or less .....                       | 5,425                      | 2,947              | 1,863           | 615            |
| 3 or 4 years .....                          | 7,354                      | 4,325              | 2,469           | 560            |
| 5 to 9 years .....                          | 18,661                     | 11,480             | 5,798           | 1,383          |
| 10 years or more .....                      | 102,556                    | 74,104             | 25,177          | 3,275          |
| Age group:                                  |                            |                    |                 |                |
| Under 25 years .....                        | 1,989                      | 686                | 748             | 555            |
| 25 to 34 years .....                        | 9,838                      | 5,592              | 3,306           | 940            |
| 35 to 44 years .....                        | 19,983                     | 12,358             | 6,496           | 1,129          |
| 45 to 54 years .....                        | 36,961                     | 25,023             | 10,700          | 1,238          |
| 55 to 64 years .....                        | 32,107                     | 23,201             | 7,945           | 961            |
| 65 to 74 years .....                        | 20,976                     | 15,999             | 4,347           | 630            |
| 75 years and over .....                     | 12,142                     | 9,997              | 1,765           | 380            |
| Average age .....                           | 54.5                       | 56.1               | 51.3            | 47.1           |
| Number of persons living in household ..... | 291,639                    | 244,898            | 35,950          | 10,791         |

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.